(b) and (c) the majority of the rape cases reported during the current year (upto 31st July) have been assigned to lady Investigating Officers. In the remaining cases this could not be done because of shortage of lady Investigating Officers, but in all such cases a lady officer has been associated with the Investigating Officer as per the prescribed guidelines.

Beneficiaries of Swatantrata Sangram Senani Pension Scheme

2429. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters who are the beneficiaries of S.S.S.R Scheme, as on 31st March, 2003;

(b) having participated in the freedom struggle of 1942 at the minimum age of 18 years, whether most of the beneficiaries are now over 85 years of age; and

(c) by what percentage, the total number of beneficiaries is decreasing every year, for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) As per the records maintained, Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension has been sanctioned to 1,64,689 freedom fighters including their widows and other eligible dependents in cases where such freedom fighters were no more, till 31st March, 2003, since the inception of the Scheme.

(b) and (c) No such information is maintained by the Union Government.

Black Listing of Police Stations in Delhi

2430. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police have black-listed some police stations including Malviya Nagar Police Station, New Delhi on account of increase in crime rate;

(b) what is the crime rate of these police stations during the last one year; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to streamline the black-listed police stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In fact, the number of IPC crimes reported during the current years (upto 31st July, 2003) from the area under Malviya Nagar Police Station was 460 as compared to 537 such crimes reported in the area during the corresponding period of last year.

NHRC Notice on disappeared persons In J & K

2431. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Human Rights Commission has asked the Jammu and Kashmir Government with regard to the disappeared persons in Valley even when the Central Government have maintained that disappeared persons were Terrorists' or those killed in 'Encounters';

(b) whether similar notices were also issued by NHRC in September, 2000 and if so, what was the result of that action; and

(c) whether the 'Association of the Parents of Disappeared Persons' was satisfied with that action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) took *suo-moto* cognizance on 1.9.2000 and 14.5.2003, of newspaper reports about disappearances of persons in the Kashmir Valley. Notices were issued to the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir and also the Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP) through the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir. A list of disappeared persons was called for.

The Commission has noticed certain variations in figures earlier furnished by APDP and recent statements on the issue and hence further